

House Resolution 2223

By: Representatives Golick of the 34th, Parsons of the 42nd, Wix of the 33rd, Johnson of the 37th, Cooper of the 41st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Sam Olens; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Sam Olens has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Olens has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
6 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by his superlative service as Chairman of the Cobb County Board of
8 Commissioners and Chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from American University and a law
10 degree from Emory University School of Law; and

11 WHEREAS, with 25 years of law practice experience, Mr. Olens has been a partner at Olens
12 & Ezor, PC since 1983, is a registered mediator and arbitrator with the Georgia Office of
13 Dispute Resolution, and is board certified in civil litigation by the National Board of Trial
14 Advocacy and a Fellow of the Lawyer's Foundation of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Olens has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
16 the 2008 Tom Bradley Leadership Award from the National Association of Regional
17 Councils, the 2007 Excellence in Public Service Award from the University of Georgia Carl
18 Vinson Institute, the 2005 Liberty Bell Award from the Cobb County Bar Association, and
19 Volunteer of the Year from the United Way of Cobb County; and

20 WHEREAS, named to the 100 Most Influential Georgians by *Georgia Trend* magazine for
21 the last six years, Mr. Olens has been at the forefront of addressing Georgia's infrastructure,
22 water, and traffic issues; and

23 WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Olens was
24 responsible for effectively and efficiently running the government of Cobb County, its 5,000
25 employees, and maintaining a high standard of excellence in county government; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Olens served with honor and distinction with the Cobb County Board of
27 Commissioners and the Atlanta Regional Commission, and his vision and unyielding
28 commitment have set the standard for public service; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
30 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body commend Mr. Sam Olens for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and
33 dedicated public service to Cobb County and the State of Georgia.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Sam Olens.